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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs first, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (37 CFR 1.97(c)).

Applicant(s) have become aware of the following documents, cited in a related U.S. Office Action dated February 26, 2010, during the prosecution of U.S. Application No. 11/360,251, which is related to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(d) and (e)(1), hereby submit(s) these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed

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PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon are enclosed as well.

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

No fee is believed to be due. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. No 101896-890.

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